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As of 0500 we had yet to confirm the extent of martial law imposed on Poland or of the arrests of members of the Solidarity leadership. Krzysztof Sliwinski, foreign affairs advisor to the Warsaw Chapter of solidarity is reported to be under detention and there are unconfirmed reports of four other Solidarity members under arrest in Warsaw and one, Jacek Kuron, a well-known radical in the ranks, in Gdansk. Jaruzelski in his formal announcement stated that certain individuals whom he held personally responsible for the decline of Poland's economy during the 70s had been "interred." These persons were former Party First Secretary Gierek, former Premier Jaroszewicz, and at least four others.

Beyond the fact that General Jaruzelski announced the establishment of a "Military Council of National Salvation" and imposed martial law throughout Poland from midnight December 12, we know little about the form the new Polish Government is likely to take. In his speech, Jaruzelski said that he is not striving "for a military coup, a military dictatorship." He further stated that the military council is not replacing "constitutional organs of power." He said that the problems of Poland cannot, in the long run, be solved through use of force. Nonetheless Police and Army units are being deployed throughout Warsaw. Telephone and telex lines are not functioning throughout the country. Internal movement is hampered by roadblocks, with some sections of Warsaw apparently being cordoned off. We assume such restrictions are being carried out throughout the country, but cannot now confirm it.

We have a press report that the first decree of the Military Council is a banning under severe penalty of all trade union activities. The announcement said that "firebrands" and "adventurers" should be made to see reason. "This is an historical moment; the last chance to "make order in our own house with our own forces," the statement concluded. Warsaw domestic radio has also announced the cessation of all radio programs as well as the programming of the second television station. In their place will be one central 24-hour radio program and one central television program. Remaining radio and television employees throughout the country have reportedly been given a "special vacation."

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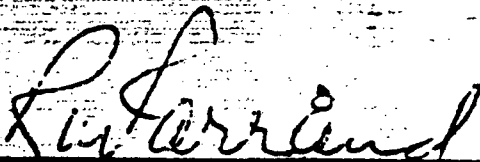
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There is no evidence of Soviet involvement in the current situation, nor is there any evidence of unusual Soviet troop movements within or near Poland. Embassy Moscow reports that the city is calm, but noted some activity at Warsaw Pact headquarters. Moscow Radio's domestic broadcast reported Jaruzelski's announcement in a factual, terse item.

The Japanese and Italians tell us that they have both lost contact with their Embassies in Warsaw, and there appear to be other western European countries out of touch with their Embassies there as well.

Telephone and telex communications with our Consulates in Krakow and Poznan are out. At 8:45 a.m. Warsaw time, two officers from the Embassy left by car for Gdansk to obtain first-hand information from that city. At 9:10 a.m. two other Embassy teams left by car for Poznan and Krakow for the same purpose. Falling snow and roadblocks may hamper their movement, however.



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